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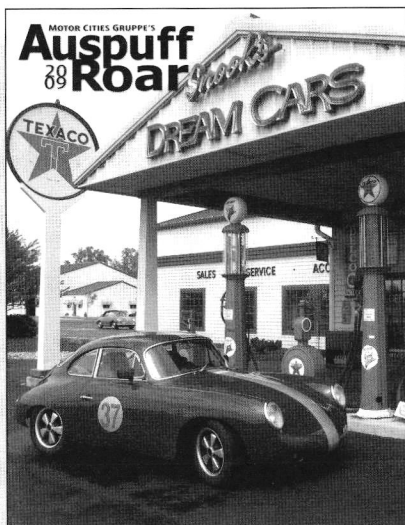


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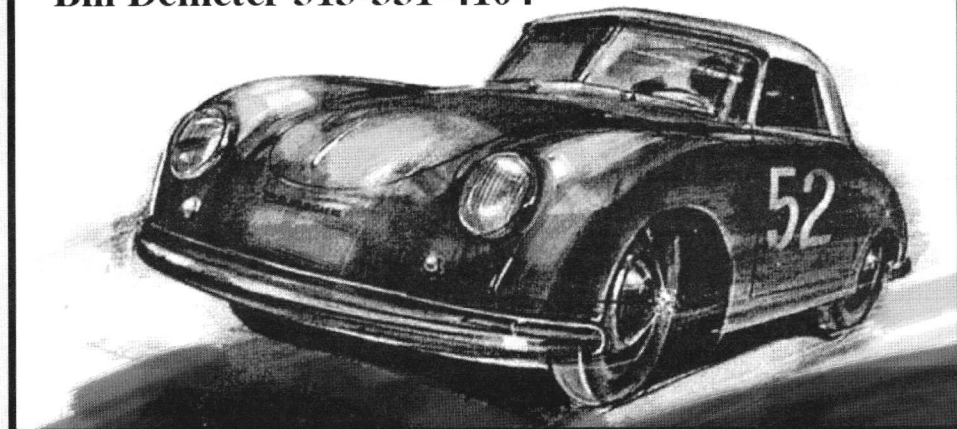
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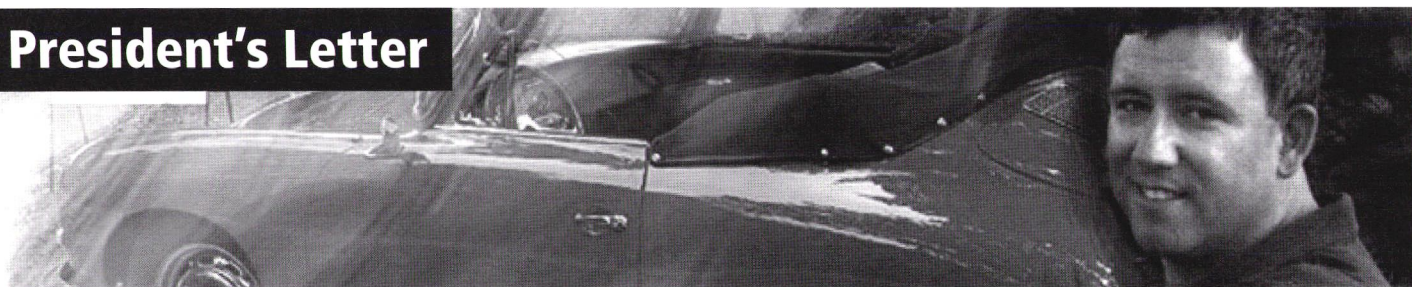
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President's Letter



This the best time of year to own a 356 in Michigan. That is, if you like to drive them! We are fresh off the Spring Tour, which, on paper should have been a disaster. It was rainy, cold, we drove exclusively on interstate highways, had hot dogs for lunch and ended up in Bowling Green, Ohio just off of I-75. I even got turned around three times using my own directions! Please read the story in this issue. You will see that we actually had a great time. We even had "perfect attendance". Usually we have a few dropouts and a few surprise guests, but for the first time ever the RSVP list and the "attendance" list matched up perfectly! I say this tongue in cheek as we are a casual group and it is hard to ruffle our feathers.

Please check out Dave Preston's column where he talks about the upcoming events and you will see we have a terrific club calendar this year. I would like to add that I am going to the Vintage Grand Prix at Mid-Ohio this year to watch Vic and am trying to round up a caravan. Barb said we could perhaps hang out at their rig on Friday night. I've got a few people interested so please contact me and I'll give you the details.

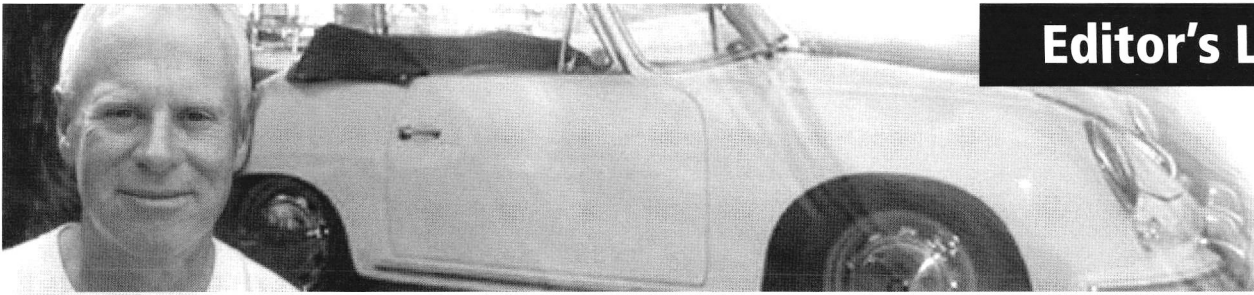
Be sure to attend the Gruppe Picnic Sunday July 26th at the Heilmann's in Milford, MI. Let me tell you, they put on a terrific party, and best of all, this year, we are honoring the first inductees into the Motor Cities Gruppe Hall of Fame. Each recipient will receive a beautiful award designed and produced by Jeff Gamble, a world renowned artist and longtime Registry member.

Also, we have been invited to an event that, unfortunately, is the same weekend as this year's East Coast Holiday. Because of this, we are announcing it as an alternative to the Holiday. The Frankenmuth Auto Fest is presenting Porsche this year as the featured marquee. It is a three day event starting Friday, September 11th. You would not be required to attend all three days; you can pick and choose which days/events to attend. Their website is www.frankenmuthautofest.com so please check it out as an alternative if you are not attending the Holiday. Look for more information in the next Auspuff Roar.

My brother from Daytona visited me over the Memorial Day weekend. We had a great time cruising around visiting my friends and he started asking me "how do you know them?" He stopped asking after a while because the answer was always "old cars". He asked me "don't you do anything else?" It was then that I realized that every close friend I have in Michigan is through the vintage car scene. I look back on the last 20 years and think about all of the wonderful people I met, and still know, because of these beautiful cars. And I think about this Gruppe that I care so much about and am so proud to be a part of.

I wouldn't have it any other way.

Sebastian



Editor's Letter

The driving season is in full swing and how nice is that? We had a great kick-off to this new season with Sebastian's Spring Tour, just a few weeks ago.

Our next event will, of course, be the Summer Picnic on Sunday July 26th at the Heilmanns' – we look forward to another great turnout. Look for the details in this issue. Please also take note of Barbara's Skirmants' Fall Color Tour – there is also a flyer in this issue about that event. It promises to be a wonderful weekend, and we all know how well Barbara plans these events.

This is our third issue that has been laid out, printed and mailed by outside services. It does cost more, but it also takes the burden off of Dan Christie and the Dunhams. Dan, Ted & Lanita never complained, but we know that it took up a lot of their valuable time. I feel that we miss a little bit of Dan's personal creativity, but we're trying hard to put out a good, entertaining product for our membership. So, I'd love to hear from any of you, how you feel about this change. Feedback is the only way we know - so any comments, good, critical or otherwise are truly appreciated. Perhaps, you haven't even noticed and that's fine as well.

This change has also been a learning experience for us from a fiscal point of view. Making this change has increased our costs. So we will be implementing some changes to reduce that cost. As the board discussed during the last meeting, we must keep our club expenditures to a minimum and under control.

Once again, many of you have been wonderful about sending in articles for the Auspuff and that is greatly appreciated. That type of volunteerism really keeps the Auspuff fresh and more interesting and enjoyable for everyone. Thank you.

Finally, I've mentioned previously that I am stepping down as Editor after 2009, so please consider volunteering to take over. As I've said, it does not require a lot of computer skills, just some time to organize everything. Once you send the contents of the new issue to our publisher, then you're pretty much done. Don't hesitate to contact me if you'd like to discuss this job. Its time for some new blood!

See you at the Heilmanns' in July.

Dave Preston

356 Motor Cities Gruppe

Board Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2009

By Dave Preston (filling in for Lanita)

Held in the luxurious Board Room of McDonalds
at the US 23 Milan Road Exit, 9:30AM

Attendance: Board members Ted Dunham,
Sebastian Gaeta, Dave Preston & Dick Beecher

Call to order: by President, Sebastian Gaeta.

Financial: Teri Hudson was not able to be in attendance, but her financial statement was reviewed. While we still have plenty of money in the bank, we were reminded that we cannot touch the current CD until January 2010. Additionally, we all agreed that the club must cut back on its expenditures, and tighten up fiscally so as to be able to finish out the year with no difficulty. The board is considering a modest increase in membership rates to \$25.00 – this decision was tabled until our next Board Meeting, which is scheduled prior to the Summer Picnic at Heilmanns'. The club will also not subsidize the Christmas Dinner this year and will return to charging each participant full costs. We will return to charging \$10.00 per person for the Summer Picnic.

Membership: Barbara was not able to be present and will report at the next Board Meeting.

Auspuff Roar Editor: as Editor, I reported that our last issue, the April/May issue was 32 pages and very costly. The new June/July issue will be much smaller, and help balance out the costs moving forward. The page count for new issues coming out will be trimmed down significantly. In addition, Sebastian will solicit a competitive bid from a publisher that he knows, so that we can assure ourselves that we are being charged fairly.

Hall of Fame: as reported from the previous Board Meeting, from a list of nominees, four recipients have been selected for the first ever MCG Hall of Fame Awards. The Board approved modestly priced, but classy awards designed by Jeff Gamble.

Charitable Contributions: this project has been tabled for now.

Summer Picnic: @ the Heilmanns'. The Board discussed the fact that we want to duplicate our past picnics, with nothing new or extravagant. Dave or Sebastian will contact Mike Heilmann to get a flyer finalized with the details of the picnic.

2010 Trustee Election & New Editor: The nomination process for the 2010 election will be kicked off in late summer and the Board and members are asked to seek out candidates. In addition, we will need a new editor beginning in 2010.

MCG Article for the Registry Magazine: this subject was tabled, but will be discussed at our next Board Meeting.

Meeting adjourned @ 10:30

2009 Drive Your 356 Contest



Driver / Entrant	356 Vehicle	Vin Number	Net Miles driven through May 31st
Dave & Mary Preston	65 C Cab	161047	476
John & Carole McConnell	63 B Coupe	213045	0
Dick & Diane Beecher	64 C Coupe	129947	138
Dave & Diane Burton	61 Roadster	88969	0
Sebastian & Narmeen Gaeta	64 Cab	159286	355
Sebastian & Narmeen Gaeta	65 Coupe	222053	0
Ted & Lanita Dunham	58 A Coupe	103607	0
Vic & Barbara Skirmants	65 C Coupe	222184	0
Vic & Barbara Skirmants	65 C Cab	161636	0
Tom & Teri Hudson	63 B Coupe	124551	0
Dave & Barbara Peterson	59 Cab	151063	102
Harry & Mary Kurrie	64 SC Coupe	215745	224
Bill & Shirley Hallandal	61 Roadster	89428	70
Bill & Shirley Hallandal	61 Coupe	116432	711
Erik & Joyce Koehler	59 A Coupe	107375	0
John & Carroll Thomson	61 B Coupe	200605	145
Doc & Freda Block	65 C Cab	161564	0
Charlie & Joyce Brown III	64 C Coupe	218381	378
Dick & Shirley Gobba	58 A Coupe	105690	0

Dear Porsche Man...

Dear Porsche Man:

I want to win the "Drive Your 356 Porsche Contest." I drive my 356C everywhere I can within reason, so my car is going strong. Can you give me any tips on how to maximize my mileage and win without cheating?

Signed: Wanna be a Winner

Dear Winner:

Huum, maybe you should talk with the winningest 356er I know...Vic Skirmants. This guy is like the Energizer Bunny; he keeps going and going (and winning and winning).

After you talk with Vic about optimizing your car's performance on the street, then you need to make a plan of action, and I don't mean daily drives to work and taking Suzie to dance practices, but a major driving planthe "El Grande Automobile Drivo Plan".

First of all, I would rule out building a large treadmill for your 356. It is certainly a sure-fire way to win, but if the members find out, you're sunk for life. Your El Grande Plan needs creativity, yet you can't get too far from home in case you're needed, so driving to California and back twice is also out. How about driving the entire coastline of our great state? Do you realize that Michigan has 3,288 miles of coastline, more than any other state except Alaska? That would maximize your driving and

get you back home in a few hours when necessary.

If you can convince family members to travel with you, you can ease your fatigue by sharing the drive. The rules state: "When there is only one car, we allow miles driven by FAMILY members to count for the entrant." This gives the advantage to people with large families, or circus families... you know, those circus clowns who could stuff 20 guys into a VW Beetle.

In fact, if you're family is comprised of circus clowns, you can cram more family in your 356 and drive to win!! That's an idea; how quickly can you adopt a "large" circus family? The rules also say to have fun, so make sure everyone has a good sense of humor. You should supply the air freshener, guitar, beer & playing cards for overnight breaks.

Dear Porsche Man:
I thought when I bought my 356 that I was going to meet some nice, cute Porsche-type women. So far all I've met are the loan officer at my bank and my mechanic. What can I do?

Signed: Lonely Guy

Dear Lonely Guy:
What is a "Porsche-type" woman??? One who drives a Porsche? If so, your liaison would be brief as she speeds away in her awesome sports car and leaves you

in the dust.

The ideal Porsche-type

woman is

probably one who not only drives 356s, but is also your mechanic! What a fantasy!

If you ever run into that scenario, you're pick-up line should be: "Need a lift?"

Okay back to reality, what to do...If you're really desperate, drive near any place where single women frequent (i.e.: exercise, hair or tanning salons, tennis clubs, women's clothing & jewelry stores, and my personal favorite: wineries).

Then, fake a breakdown. That's right, lift the hood on your 356 and look concerned and helpless while women leave the establishment. (Don't lift the engine lid, because most women might think you're looking for your golf clubs. The average person doesn't know that a 356 engine is not under the front hood).

Anyway, lift the hood and look concerned and helpless.

Porsche Man knows of one lucky guy who has perfected this very technique, promising a helpful, yet unsuspecting young lass to split a bottle of Merlot (in the Porsche, of course) if she would give him a lift to the nearest garage. At our next outing, look for the fellow with wine stains on his shirt and the big smile.



PORSCHE MAN SUMMER TECH TIP:

Don't drive on old tires. You endanger your car and your life. I know of one 356er this past year who drove to a 356 event and his old tires gave out on the expressway. He is lucky to be alive and his 356 is currently undergoing a complete rear-end re-creation. ...Ouch.

MCG Spring Tour 2009

May 16, 2009

By Dave Preston

At 7:00AM, it was a pretty gloomy morning when I started out for Dick Beecher's house. Cold and rainy, but it was the 2009 Spring Tour morning, and it was time to go! Dick and I had planned to ride together, so I picked him up and we headed south. It wasn't clearing up very much, and kept drizzling, but we were having fun. We worked our way down to the Milan exit off of US 23 arriving at 9:30AM for our Board Meeting in the luxurious Board Room at McDonalds.



At this point it wasn't raining, and it was great to see the 356s roll in. Gerald was there in his "new" 1966 912 which is very nice. Tom and Linda Walton came in their 4S Carrera,

Bill Rohrer and his lovely family stopped by to see us at McDonalds. Doc & Freda brought their Cab; Sebastian had both his Cab and Coupe there. Karl Schulz rode with Sebastian in his Cab and took some great pictures for us. Sebastian was gracious enough to loan his Coupe to Sandy Banush and her nephew Shane - Sandy had been working at Stoddard's until recently. Dick and I came in my Cab, the McConnells brought their beautiful Coupe and the Browns brought their really exciting black outlaw Coupe. Dick & Shirley Gobba had their 911 there and Dennis Denyer and the McLaughlins came along in Dennis's Jeep and took the role of our chase vehicle. Ted was there to lend a hand if anything was needed and so we could enjoy his always-great company.



Sebastian put our event together this Spring and after our Board Meeting, we were off to Tony Packo's in Toledo for lunch. If you've never

been there, you've got to go sometime. Very famous eatery, with loads of autographed hot dog buns, by dozens of the most famous people in the world – and of course, really good Hungarian food, in a fabulous atmosphere. We parked across the street in a parking lot, and we were quickly descended upon by a wedding party from a nearby church. Not surprisingly, they wanted some pictures of the wedding party with some of our cars. Dick & Shirley's 911 seemed to get most of their attention! While at lunch it poured, but when we were ready to leave, it started to clear up a bit.

After we stuffed ourselves we were off to Snook's Dream Cars Museum in Bowling Green, about 1/2 hour south from Toledo. This is a place where you could spend hours. Snook's repairs classic cars and sports cars and they have a museum that is home to about 40 great vehicles. They have a few sports cars and then cars from each era back to about 1910. In addition to the cars, they have enough memorabilia to keep you occupied for hours. Not just car memorabilia – phone booths, pictures, posters, gas pumps, bicycles and the list goes on. Dick and I ran out of time, but I'll be back – there is so much to look at. After Snook's, we all dispersed to head our separate ways. By this time, the weather had cleared, naturally!



Many thanks to Sebastian for putting together such a nice opening event for our driving season.



A 356 Wedding!

Pictures courtesy of Karl Schulz and John McConnell

Just Another Porsche Story

By David Fleisch

As I recall, it was the summer of 1965. I was working at my father's Oldsmobile dealership in the sales department. Things were great back then as the muscle car era was at its peak. 442s, GTOs, 409 Cheves, etc. Gas was 47¢ a gallon for Sunoco 260 and that's the only fuel my 442 would run on. I won a lot of street races that summer, but that's another story. Route 110 was the Woodward Ave. of Long Island back then.

One afternoon, as I was at my desk at work, the phone rang. It was my friend Tim calling from his office in New York City. The conversation went something like this. "Hey Dave, I need your help. A friend of mine sold his '55 Speedster and needs it delivered to Greenwich Village tonight." (I'm the guy with the dealer plate.) I thought about it for about a half a second and said, "Sure, let's do it."

The deal was that Tim would take the train out from the city, I would pick him up at the station and we would go get the Porsche. No problem, right? WRONG. First of all, I am at the station when the train arrives. Tim gets off the train and get this: he's got on a red plaid sport jacket, red bell bottoms, and some sort of boots that I can't describe. Remember, this was the 60's and he was in the advertising business. For a moment, I thought Bozo the Clown had just arrived.

When we arrived at the Speedster, four flat tires, dirt and grime that can only be described as heartbreaking greeted us. Oh yes, and a nest of mice had made their living quarters under the driver's seat. We were told that the Porsche was started about a month ago, but hadn't been touched since. We borrowed a portable air pump from the local gas station, filled the tires, got rid of the mice, and cleaned the windshield so we could see to drive. Since we were on an incline, we jump started it and off we went. It took about two hours to get this all done and about ten minutes for Tim to totally trash his Bozo the Clown outfit. Next stop, the BIG APPLE – or so we thought.

Motoring west on the Long Island freeway at 45 mph (that's as fast as she would go), the engine started to run rougher. The odor of raw gasoline filled our nostrils. We looked at each other with panic in our eyes. At the first exit we came to, we pulled into a gas station, shut her down, jumped out, opened the deck lid and discovered a split fuel line at the fuel pump. Raw gas on a hot engine - I cannot believe we didn't explode and launch into outer space. The guy in the gas station went crazy and told us to get the @#&! out. With a few kind words, and a ten-dollar bill, we were able to buy a roll of duct tape, repaired the leak and were back on the road.

It must have been around 11PM when we reached the 59th Street Bridge. We decided not to take the Mid-Town tunnel in fear of another breakdown. Going over the bridge was fantastic. The lights of Manhattan sparkled like diamonds. We never were questioned at any tolls - I thought for sure we were going to get busted. As we motored

down 2nd Ave., people were giving us the thumbs up. And we loved every minutes of it. It was great.

Well, we made our delivery to the new owner and as a friendly offer; she took us out to dinner. For the life of me, I can't remember how we got back home. Maybe took the train, maybe stayed in the city that night, but one thing I'll always remember is that wonderful adventure in a great Porsche 356 Speedster. It has been 44 years since that memorable adventure, but Tim and I still go down that memory lane and get a good laugh.

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We've rented a tent, tables and chairs for about 90 of you and your 356 friends. We have also planned a catered meal with meat choices, potato dishes, baked beans, salads, buns, drinks, plates and plastic utensils. We're cleaning up and getting ready for you!

We are honoring our first inductees of the Motor Cities Gruppe Hall of Fame on this day, so please be sure to attend. Each recipient will receive a beautiful award designed and produced by Jeff Gamble, a world renowned artist and longtime Registry member.

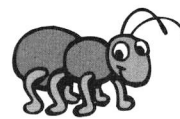
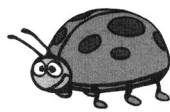
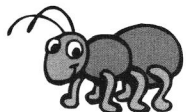
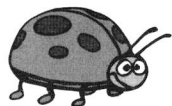
When you come, please bring a hors d'oeuvre (you know, chips and munchies) or a dessert (pie, cookies, brownies, cake). So please call us at (248) 685-0817 and tell us what you want to bring, besides your 356. Also please B.Y.O.B.

DIRECTIONS: Plan on shining up your 356 and drive on over to Milford. Many of you have been here before, and should know the way, but if not, please check out "MAPQUEST" or call us! Here are directions off of 1-96: 1660 Balsam Way is easy to find. Exit Milford Road 155B (northbound). Off of the exit ramp, go north onto South Milford Road and look for Milford Pine Meadows subdivision - sign on the left, (west). Turn left into the subdivision and you'll be on Balsam Way - we are in the back - look for a Red Colonial with Circle Drive.

We're looking forward to a very pleasant, fun and friendly afternoon. Oh yeah, we'd love to see your Porsche 356 again!

Please RSVP to Mike & Maureen at: (248) 685-0817 or heilmann@michiganpilawyer.com

We're excited to host this great event and to see you!



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2009 - 356 Motor Cities Gruppe

Fall Color Tour

Hosted by Barbara Skirmants

October 3rd — 4th, 2009

The tour will start from the Beechers home in Davison on Saturday morning departing at 9:30 am. Please plan to arrive by 9:00am - They will have breakfast goodies ready for your morning hunger pains.



We will drive north using all County and State highways, NO Interstate routes, through downtown Bay City. Check out the older lumber baron homes on Route 25, then north on M-13. We will stop for lunch around 12:30 pm north of Linwood. Then we'll continue north on M-65 through Hale, MI on our way to the Au Sable River Road. We will be stopping along the route to stretch our legs including a walk down the

steps to Largo Springs. We will also stop at all of the overlooks and The Lumberman's Monument, where they have flush potties.

I have reserved ten no smoking/king or two double beds at the Tawas Bay Beach Resort (www.tawasbaybeachresort.com) at a rate of \$ 99.95 + taxes. This is a full service resort hotel on Tawas Bay with a nice dining room overlooking the water. We will order off the menu both dinner and breakfast on site. The hotel offers discount coupons for meals and beverages. Please call (800) 336-8601 or (989) 362-8601 to reserve your room. Identify yourself as part of our group reservation.

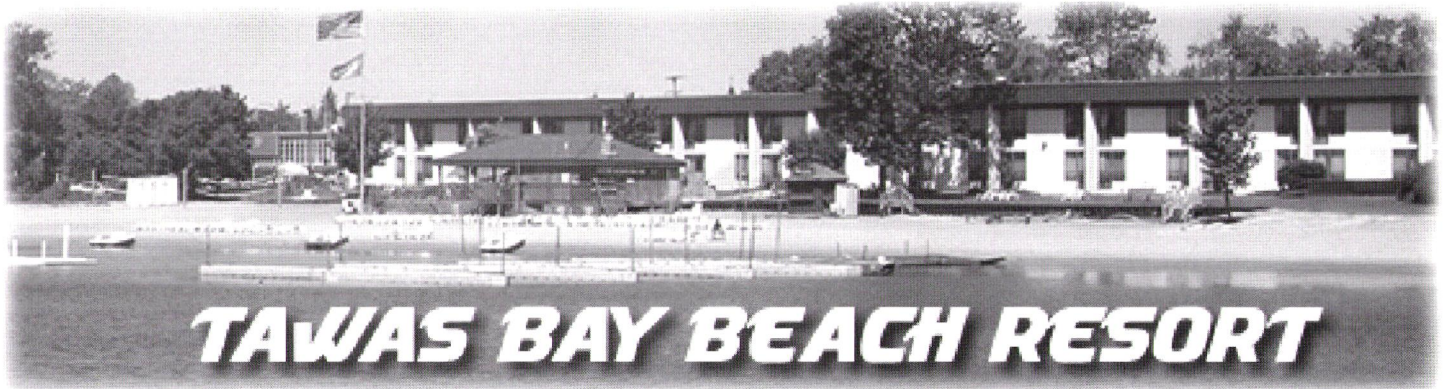
This is also the dates for the October fest in Tawas, so expect some German beer tent time and other festivities. Downtown Tawas has nice shops and there are many antique shops in the area. I hope to make arrangements for us to visit the Wurtsmigh Air Museum, and the historical Museum in Oscoda

on Sunday morning. There are also several antique shops that the Chamber of Commerce will help coordinate to open on Sunday morning.

Lunch on Sunday is not organized as of yet, but I will look for a good place to have Walleye and Perch.

Please let me know if you can make the trip with us. Thank you.

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Motor Cities Gruppe Calendar 2009

JUNE

13-14th – Stoddards Swap Meet (tentative date)

26-27th – Bay Harbor Concours (Friday & Saturday Event)

24-28th – SVRA at Mid-Ohio Vintage Races

29-July 4th – Porsche Parade - Colorado

www.porscheparade2009.com

JULY

18-19th – Brian Redman Race at Road America, WI

26th –MCG Board Meeting (Briefly at Heilmanns)

Start nominations for 2009 election

26th – MCG Picnic at the Heilmanns

Host: Mike & Maureen Heilmann

AUGUST

2nd – Meadowbrook Concours in Rochester Hills, Michigan

8th & 9th – Alden Classic Sports Car Show

15th – Back to Bricks in Flint, Michigan

15th – Woodward Dream Cruise

SEPTEMBER

5th – MCG Board Meeting - 10:00AM at Neils

Establish ballot for all 2009 candidates

9-11th – Watkins Glen SVRA Vintage Races

10-13th – East Coast Holiday - West Baden, Indiana

20th – Drive your Porsche Day 2009
Form a group and drive your 356!

OCTOBER

3rd-4th – Fall Color Tour in Tawas, Michigan

Host: Barbara Skirmants

14-18th – West Coast Holiday in Sedona, Arizona

NOVEMBER

7th – MCG Board Meeting - 10:00AM at Neils

Initiate 2009 Election

DECEMBER

6th – Christmas Party - Canterbury Village

Classifieds

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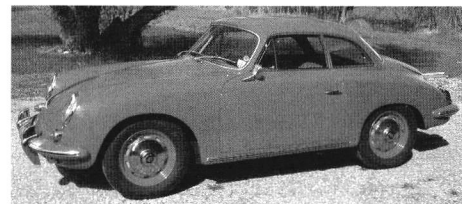
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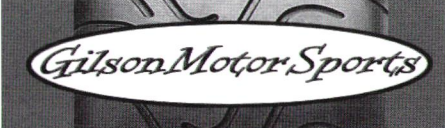
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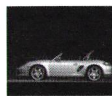
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